Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Substance use disorders are a serious and treatable health problem and, in 2004, an estimated 23.5 million individuals, 9.8 percent of the total population, needed treatment for an alcohol or illicit drug use problem, and only 2.3 million of these individuals received treatment at a specialty facility; and,

Whereas, Assessing our citizens' needs for addiction treatment, referring them to appropriate treatment and assisting family members with support services are crucial first steps in helping people realize that recovery is possible and treatment is effective; and,

Whereas, Barriers to accessing treatment programs that can help heal lives, families and our communities are a significant problem for our neighbors, friends, co-workers and family members with substance use disorders; and,

Whereas, Community members seeking treatment deserve affordable, individualized treatment programs; and,

Whereas, Celebrating individuals in recovery and their families and saluting the health care providers who helped them obtain treatment educates our communities about the benefits of treatment and affirms that such providers deserve adequate compensation for their services; and,

Whereas, To help achieve this goal, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, the South Dakota Department of Human Services' Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse and all local alcohol and drug treatment facilities and programs invite all residents of South Dakota to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2006 as

ALCOHOL & DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

in South Dakota, and I encourage all citizens to support this year's national theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Building a Strong, Healthier Community" with appropriate programs, activities and ceremonies.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State